

REMARKS

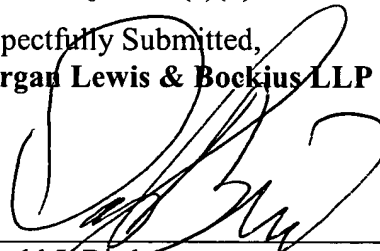
With the above amendments to the claims, all remaining rejected claims have been cancelled, leaving only allowed independent claims 25 and 26 pending in this application. Since all remaining claims have been indicated as being allowable by the Examiner, this application should now be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The above amendments are made without waiver or prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Conclusion

All remaining grounds for rejection having been obviated by the cancellation of the remaining rejected claims, leaving only allowed independent claims 25 and 26 pending in this application, and a Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Director is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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